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**Art Unit 1645**

**Attn: Mail Stop Amendment**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
 Application No. 10/623,813; Filed: July 22, 2003  
 For: ***De novo DNA Cytosine Methyltransferase Genes, Polypeptides and Uses Thereof***  
 Inventors: **LI et al.**  
 Our Ref: 0609.4560003/KRM/DJN

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115- with corrected first page; and
2. Return postcard.

The Preliminary Amendment submitted on November 23, 2005 had errors on the cover page captioning the incorrect application serial number and title. The Preliminary Amendment submitted herewith is being submitted with a corrected first page. It is respectfully requested that the Preliminary Amendment filed herewith be accepted as a replacement to the Preliminary Amendment filed on November 23, 2005.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In advance of prosecution, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. This Preliminary Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, amendments to the specification by presenting replacement paragraphs marked up to show changes made;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
  - in ascending order;
  - with status identifiers; and
  - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (D) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent

abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.